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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Makoto JINNO, et al.

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FOR: MEDICAL MANIPULATOR

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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- ☒ Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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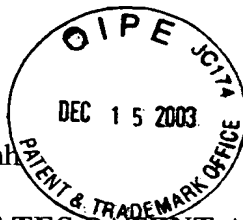
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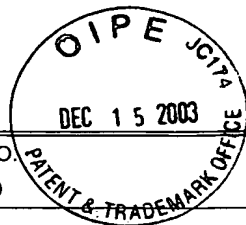
STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2000-350735) on Form 1449:

This reference shows our concept design of a master slave combined manipulator for laparoscopic surgery. (Fig. 1)

Reference AO (JP 7-328024) on Form 1449:

This reference shows an attachable and removable mechanism of a master slave manipulator for laparoscopic surgery (Fig. 5). But this is different from our concept.

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